

Submission on Resource Consent Application

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 - **APP146952**

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1. Submitter details

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Ko Kakepuku te Maunga

Ko Waikato, Ko Waipa, Ko Puniu, Ko Wharekōrino ngā Awa

Ko Kawhia te Moana

Ko Tainui te Waka

Ko Ngāti Paretekawa te hapū

Ko Ngāti Maniapoto te iwi

Ko Mangatoatoa te Marae

He uri ahau nō Te Muraahi Niketi

2. This is a submission on application: **APP146952**

Applicant: Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand

Address: Te Mawhai Road, Tokanui

Activity Description:

- Undertake below ground works for the remediation of the former Tokanui Hospital site;
 - Temporary opening, use, and closure of a closed landfill to dispose of medium to low level contaminated soil under the Waipa District Plan; and
 - Soil disturbance and change of use under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health.
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3. Trade Completion

I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that –

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
 - (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition
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4. Attendance at Council Hearing

I do wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of my submission. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing: **Yes**

5. The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

This submission specifically relates to the suite of applications referenced as **AUTH146952.01.01 – AUTH146952.09.01**, including:

- Earthworks and cleanfill activities (AUTH146952.01.01, .06.01)
 - Temporary and permanent groundwater and surface water diversion (AUTH146952.02.01, .03.01, .08.01, .09.01)
 - Culvert installation and stream bed disturbance (AUTH146952.03.01, .07.01, .09.01)
 - Discharge of stormwater and leachate (AUTH146952.04.01, .05.01)
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6. My submission is:

- ☐ In support
 - ☒ **Opposed**
 - ☐ Neutral
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The reasons for my submission are:

Cultural Concerns:

- The affected area includes culturally significant whenua and awa, particularly the **Wharekorino Stream**, which holds whakapapa and spiritual significance for mana whenua. The area is identified as a “Potential Significant Natural Area” in the Waipā District Plan Appeals Version (2014) - Source: [Wharekorino](#)

- The **Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA)** recommendations have not been incorporated into the application. See: [CIA](#) (Page 14-15, Page 42-55, Page 58-59)
- Stream diversion and landfill activity **breach tikanga Māori** and disregard the status of water and whenua as a living ancestor.
- The role of mana whenua as kaitiaki and Treaty partners has been sidelined, despite their right to **lead restoration and protection** of their ancestral lands.

Environmental Concerns:

- Risk of **contaminants entering groundwater and surface water** via leachate discharge (AUTH146952.05.01).
- **Erosion, sedimentation, and habitat loss** from earthworks and cleanfill (AUTH146952.01.01, .06.01).
- **Long-term disruption to the hydrological system**, including the Wharekorino Stream, wetlands, and aquifers (AUTH146952.02.01, .08.01, .09.01).
- **Loss of biodiversity** and pollution of taonga species and ecosystems.

Contemporary Concerns:

- The project lacks alignment with **Te Mana o te Wai**, the **Resource Management Act**, and **meaningful engagement**.
- The **CIA has not been actioned**, and no cultural or environmental monitoring framework has been established or implemented.
- Mana whenua will continue to bear the long-term cultural and environmental impacts of this project, yet we have been excluded from genuine decision-making and restoration planning.

7. I seek the following decision from the consent authority:

I respectfully request that the council:

1. **Pause or decline all consent applications AUTH146952.01.01 to AUTH146952.09.01** in their current form until you have engaged mana whenua and
2. **Implement the CIA recommendation to remove all waste from the site** and prohibit continued landfill activity.

3. **Require a new, co-designed remediation plan** led by mana whenua that aligns with tikanga, Te Mana o te Wai, and a long-term ecological restoration plan.
4. Establish a newly elected **Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Roopū** with legal standing and resourcing to monitor, review, and guide any future works.
5. Mandate a **35-year cultural and environmental monitoring programme**, including groundwater testing, stream health assessments, and cultural indicators reviewed by mana whenua driven expert advisors.
6. Require **full restoration of the Wharekorino Stream**, avoiding any permanent diversions or culverts unless culturally approved. Any proposed modifications must align with *Te Mana o te Wai* and existing water restoration plans, with a clear implementation strategy to uphold these principles.

I wish to engage and/or be heard at a hearing: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature:

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Date: 30th July 2025